

MADERA COUNTY
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to conduct professional therapy and administer a variety of treatment plans for physically and neurologically disabled patients in a California Children's Services Medical Therapy Unit ; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

May provide supervision over lower level Therapy Assistants and other staff providing assistance in the administration of occupational therapy treatment plans.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Plans and performs occupational therapy treatments for neurologically and physically impaired patients; consults with doctors and supervisors to determine treatment plans for each patient; administers tests such as motor function, range of motion, oral motor and Activities of Daily Living (ADL) evaluations and perceptual screenings; coordinates, teaches, and supervises functional exercises to provide corrective therapy; develops exercises and activities to improve fine motor skills; attends appropriate clinics, management meetings, and case conferences to discuss patient status; evaluates and records patient's response from treatment and progress and reports any changes to doctor; teaches self-care activities with or without the use of adapted devices; instructs clients, family and caregivers regarding home exercise programs and equipment needs; fabricates and applies splints as indicated; assists in inventory, preparation of order of therapeutic splinting materials supplies and ADL equipment; adapt games, arts and crafts as therapeutic treatment; may assist in training therapy assistants in the treatment of patients; may assist in monitoring and coordinating the work of lower level staff and students in administering occupational therapy treatment programs.

OTHER JOB RELATED DUTIES

Performs related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, objectives, methods and techniques of pediatric occupational therapy.

Laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of occupational therapy programs, services and treatment methods.

Skeletal anatomy and kinesiology.

Basic pathology of orthopedic and neurological disabilities relative to the objectives of occupational therapy.

Child growth and development.

Physical and psychological problems of physically disabled children and their families.

Design, use and care of orthopedic and therapeutic equipment and appliances, including splinting materials.

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Skill to:

Understand and interpret physician's orders and develop individualized treatment plans.
Provide effective occupational therapy treatments and instructions to disabled patients and their parents, caregivers, teachers, and others responsible for assisting the patient in their therapy treatment plan.
Evaluate patient needs and the effectiveness of orthopedic and therapeutic equipment and appliances.
Design and construct splints and adaptive equipment.
Use hand tools to make minor adjustment and repairs to wheelchairs and other equipment.

Ability to:

Adapt various functions to the therapeutic requirements of individual patients.
Gather information and prepare reports.
Prepare and maintain accurate, concise case records and necessary reports.
Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective interpersonal relationships with patients, families, caregivers, coworkers and others contacted in the course of work.
Exercise appropriate independent judgement and professional ethics.

Experience and Training Guidelines:

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:

Experience:

One (1) year of full-time paid professional experience as a Registered Occupational Therapist.

License / Registration:

Current registration as an Occupational Therapist with the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapist.

Current licensure as an Occupational Therapist issued by the California Board of Occupational Therapy.

Special Requirements:

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, kneel, crouch, stoop, squat, twist, and lift 100 lbs.; ability to travel to different sites and locations.

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